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DRAFT MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, and Hood

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Pavlov

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of the minutes from the March 20, 2014 meeting
- Adoption of the minutes from the March 24, 2014 meeting
- SB 872 Sen. Casperson Environmental protection; cleanups; use of and development on stamp sands; allow.
- SB 791 Sen. Green Environmental protection; underground storage tanks; funding and cleanup programs; establish.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 20, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Green made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 24, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Warren made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 872 and gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before members:

- Anne Couture, Department of Environmental Quality—Neutral
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

The following individuals testified from Houghton via video conferencing:

- Dave Jukuri, Chair, Torch Lake Public Advisory Council—Support
- Scott McGinnis, City of Houghton—Support
- Paul Lehto, Supervisor, Calumet Township—Support
- Kevin Harju, County Engineer, Houghton County Road Commission—Support
- Dan Lorenzetti, Secretary, Torch Lake Public Advisory Council—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak before members:

- Mike Berkowitz, the Sierra Club-MI Chapter—Oppose

As it was the first week the bill was on the agenda, the Chair advised members that he would be holding the vote at a later meeting.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 791. Senator Green gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before members:

- Anne Couture, Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Mark Griffin & Cliff Knaggs, Michigan Petroleum Assn—Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak before members:

- Ed Weglarz, Associated Food & Petroleum Dealers—Support
- John Griffin, American Petroleum Institute—Support

As it was the first week the bill was on the agenda, the Chair advised members that he would be holding the vote at a later meeting.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee:

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.